

RESOLUTION NO. 680

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2005 the Washington State legislature and the Governor provided bold policy direction in setting the transportation priorities for the state by authorizing funding packages to address the most critical transportation projects and programs statewide;

WHEREAS, transportation needs in Washington significantly exceed available and forecasted future fiscal resources;

WHEREAS, the transportation system continues to age faster than it is being preserved;

WHEREAS, deaths and injuries on Washington's roadways result in an annual \$5.3 billion societal cost;

WHEREAS, the need to enhance Washington's global competitiveness is paramount;

WHEREAS, improving travel time reliability and improving the movement of people and freight will increase our state's productivity;

WHEREAS, enhancing the environment and Washington's communities is vital to sustaining the quality of life Washingtonians value and rely upon;

WHEREAS, RCW 47.06.030 directs the Washington State Transportation Commission to develop a state transportation policy plan that: establishes a vision and goals for the statewide transportation system consistent with the state's growth management goals, identifies significant statewide transportation policy issues, and recommends statewide transportation policies and strategies to the legislature and the Governor;

WHEREAS, RCW 47.01.071(1) requires that the Washington State Department of Transportation develop a statewide multimodal transportation plan and include an effective ongoing process to involve representatives of significant transportation interests and the general public from across the state. The plan shall address how Washington State will meet the transportation needs and expedite the completion of industrial and other commerce projects of statewide significance;

WHEREAS, the United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 135, subsection (e) requires that each state develop a long range transportation plan with a minimum 20-year forecast period that provides for the development and implementation of an intermodal transportation system;

WHEREAS, the Commission has established a vision and identified investment guidelines, consistent with the state's growth management goals, which identify significant high priority transportation investments and statewide policy issues needing immediate attention;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission, cooperatively with the Washington State Department of Transportation, has prepared the Washington Transportation Plan (2007-2026) addressing transportation needs for both state-owned facilities and facilities of state-interest, intending to meet the requirements of RCW's 47.06.030 and 47.01.071(1) and United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 135, subsection (e);

***WHEREAS**, representatives from diverse areas of interest continue to be consulted and given adequate opportunity to participate online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/planning/wtp and at many meetings across the state;*

***WHEREAS**, the Washington Transportation Commission is seeking comments from those who use the transportation system and those who contribute to delivering the system;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Transportation Commission does hereby adopt the draft version of the 2007 – 2026 update to the Washington Transportation Plan.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this draft version will be made available to the public for comment.*

ADOPTED this _____ day of July 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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